

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A toothbrush comprising:-

a first molded part (2; 32), having a brush head (3), and;
a second molded part (4; 34), forming at least part of a handle, the two molded parts
(2, 4; 32, 34) consisting of different plastic materials, wherein the two molded parts (2, 4; 32,
34) are formed from different plastic materials (A, B) which do not bond with one another
during the injection molding operation and wherein, for producing a non-positive, firm fit
between the two molded parts (2, 4; 32, 34), the one molded part (2; 32) is at least partially
enclosed by the other molded part (4; 34) in the manner of a shrink fit.

one of the first and second molded parts being at least partially enclosed by the other
one of the first and second molded parts;

the first and second molded parts consisting of different plastic materials;

the different plastic materials do not form a chemical bond during an injection-
molding operation; and

the first and second molded parts are firmly connected to one another by a shrink fit
caused by the injection-molding operation.

3. (Currently Amended) The toothbrush as claimed in claim 1, wherein a positive
fitconnection is formed at least on a part of the surface where the two-first and second
molded parts (2, 4; 32, 34) touch, by portions (10, 11; 16, 17; 22, 23; 40, 41) of the two-first
and second molded parts (2, 4; 32, 34) engaging in one another.

3. (Currently Amended) The toothbrush as claimed in claim 2, wherein the
positive fitconnection is formed by projections (10, 17, 22, 22', 40) on one of the first and
second molded parts (4; 34 and 2; 32, respectively) and recesses (11, 18, 23, 23', 41) on the

other one of the first and second molded parts (2, 4; 32, 34, respectively) engaging in one another.

4. (Currently Amended) The toothbrush as claimed in claim 1, wherein the different plastic materials (A, B) have a different degree of shrinkage.

5. (Currently Amended) The toothbrush as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of the two~~first and second~~ molded parts (2, 4; 32, 34, respectively) consists of two or more plastic components of which at least one ~~cannot be bonded~~does not achieve a chemical bond with the plastic material (A or B) of the other of the first and second molded parts (4, 34; and 2, 32, respectively).

6. (Currently Amended) The toothbrush as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first molded part (2, 32), ~~having the brush head (3)~~, consists of polypropylene and the other second molded part (4, 34) consists of styrene acrylonitrile.

7. (Currently Amended) The toothbrush as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first molded part (2, 32), ~~having the brush head (3)~~, consists of polypropylene and the other, second molded part (4; 34) is selected from the group consisting of acrylonitrile-butadiene, styrene, polyamide, polycarbonate and polyester.

8. (Currently Amended) A method ~~of~~for producing a toothbrush comprising at least two molded parts by means of injection molding, comprising the steps of:

_____ -injection molding of one of the two molded parts (2; 32 or 4; 34) from a first plastic material (A or B) in a first step, subsequently;

_____ injection molding of the other of the two molded parts (4; 34 or 2; 32) from a second plastic material (B or A) in a subsequent step, so that one of the two molded parts is at least partially enclosed by the other of the two molded parts;

_____ , which the second plastic material does not form a chemical bond with the first plastic material during the injection-molding operation in a second step, so that the one-

~~molded part (2; 32) is at least partially enclosed by the other molded part (4; 34) in the manner of a shrink fit; and~~

the two molded parts are firmly connected to one another by a shrink fit caused by the injection-molding operation.

9. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein, ~~with a different degree of shrinkage of the two plastic materials (A, B) intended for the molded parts (2, 4; 32, 34), that~~ ~~molded part (4; 34 or 2; 32)~~ which is produced from the first plastic material (A or B) ~~with the~~has a lower degree of shrinkage is injection-molded in the first step than the second plastic material.

10. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the molded part (4; 34) forming at least part (6) of a toothbrush handle is injection-molded from styrene acrylonitrile in ~~at~~the first step and the molded part (2; 32) bearing the brush head (3) is subsequently injection-molded from polypropylene in ~~at~~the second step.

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement drawing sheets makes changes to Figs. 1, 2, 4 and 5 and replace the original sheets with Figs. 1-7.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets